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### **The Police Activities League of Austin boxers finish in 1<sup>st</sup> Place**

The Police Activities League of Austin, a community outreach program initiated by Chief of Police Art Acevedo in 2007, sent two boxers to the Regional Silver Glove Championships in Little Rock, Arkansas, during the first week of January 2009. Two members of the PAL boxing team had 1st place finishes.

Michael Baladez and Zachary Martinez Jr. will represent Austin in the National Silver Gloves Championships in Independence, Missouri, Feb. 5<sup>th</sup> through Feb. 7<sup>th</sup> where they will compete for the National title. The Silver Gloves competition attracts the best amateur boxers from the United States.

The Austin Police Activities League is designed to support at-risk youth in our community by offering these children a safe place to gather and enjoy educational and social benefits, as well as athletic opportunities. The goal of PAL is to prevent and combat juvenile delinquency and to promote and improve the moral and civic standards of youth.

For more information on this and other Austin PAL programs contact Lt. Carlos Botello at 512-974-5920. PAL of Austin is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization.

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